SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES GAIN IN CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

South Carolina libraries will see an increase in State Aid in FY 06 from 82 cents per capita to $2 per capita or $3,766,692 to $8,079,638 according to Jim Johnson, former SC State Library director.

"This was an especially good year for libraries in South Carolina," Johnson said. "The success can be attributed to the grassroots efforts we have used throughout this session and previous sessions to promote the importance of libraries in the state to our General Assembly."

In addition to the increase in State Aid, DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library, received funding of $2,015,490. DISCUS provides electronic resources to the public libraries and public schools.

Other projects supported by the South Carolina Legislature this session are $1.5 million for the Augusta Baker Chair for Childhood Literacy at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science; $2 million for PASCAL's

- $2 per capita
- $2 million for DISCUS

electronic library for the state's colleges and $450,000 for a children's area at the Williamsburg County Library. In a non-budget issue, the General Assembly passed a bill requiring state agencies to notify the South Carolina State Library when they produce an electronic document.

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director's column

By the time you are reading this, I hope to be completely unpacked and settled in both my new home and my new office. I'll let you know if that really happens!

I also hope by now to have met and talked with many of you. I want to know what your concerns, issues – and also accomplishments – are. I know that I have a lot to learn about South Carolina libraries.

We have had the most successful legislative session for libraries in recent history. This is both exciting and challenging for all of us. We want to make the most of our new funds and new programs. Opportunities abound to showcase libraries and library service. It will require all of us working together with our best efforts to fully realize the significant opportunities before us.

We are all dedicated to making South Carolina a great place to live and raise our families. My vision for South Carolina libraries is that everyone will receive the best we have to offer in library service. Libraries must work to remain relevant, not only to the people we serve, but to the people who fund us. My goal is to ensure that that happens. I will be looking to all of you to help me.

Quick personal facts:

* Married, with 4 dogs and 3 grown children between us
* Quilter for 28 years
* Now reading "Passage" by Connie Willis and "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham
* Favorite TV shows are West Wing and Simply Quilts
* My husband and I love to attend local community festivals and fairs. We look forward to exploring our new state!

I want to hear from you: patti@ leo.scsl.state.sc.us or 803-734-8666.

BY **PATTI J. BUTCHER**
SC State Librarian

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Amy Duernberger is the South Carolina State Library's new DISCUS program director. Here are five questions with her about her background and new position.

1. What is your background?

Previously, I held the position of Library Director at Aiken Technical College. I also served as the Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of South Carolina Aiken. I earned my Masters degree in Library & Information Science from the University of South Carolina and hold a BA in Spanish from the University of South Alabama. I have also served on a variety of statewide committees including the PASCAL Executive Committee.

2. What interested you most in the DISCUS position?

Philosophically speaking, I am very interested in "making a difference" in people's lives. Directing the DISCUS Program allows me to be involved in a project that has a tremendous positive impact on South Carolinians. Practically speaking, I knew I would enjoy getting to know a variety of people and also enjoy the wide range of duties involved in managing the DISCUS Program.

3. Where do you want DISCUS to go in the next three years?

I'll be exploring that issue with the DISCUS Committees, other groups and by surveying our users. In general, I hope to see the program add more database content and expand its services to South Carolina users.

4. What do you see as your greatest challenge with DISCUS?

To identify and to be able to support the various needs of different user groups.

5. What excites you most about your new position?

Planning for the future -- thinking about how the DISCUS Program should continue to evolve so that it can continue to play a key role in providing high quality, reliable, easily delivered information to South Carolina users.

FIVE WITH AMY DUERNBERGER

Grolier Online Launches New Look

Grolier Online has replaced its previous interface with a portal offering two new homepages: Grolier Online Passport (for older readers) and Grolier Online Kids (for younger readers).

According to Grolier, these new interfaces offer "enhanced searching and new age appropriate features." The site is designed so that users can easily "toggle" back and forth between the two homepages. Patrons may search across Grolier resources with one click -- finding encyclopedia articles, websites, media, news feature stories and magazine articles. Users still have the option to search each encyclopedia product separately should they wish to do so.

Grolier Online is provided by the DISCUS program.

SIMPLE TIPS
FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF EMAIL

Keep it Private
Do not write anything in an email message that you wouldn't want to see on the front page of a newspaper. It's that simple.

Twenty-four Hour Rule
If you receive what you perceive as a hostile email from someone wait 24 hours before sending your reply. Also, it helps to pick up the phone and talk to the sender to clarify the content of the email.

Reply to All or Reply to Sender
Double-check to see if you want to reply to everyone (Reply to All button or feature) listed in the 'to:' or 'CC:' fields or if you only want to reply to the sender of the original email. Sometimes what you intend to send to one person gets read by more than you thought.

Forwarding Email
Sometimes senders only intend for you to see the email they are sending. It's a common courtesy to ask if you can forward their message to others. You may be surprised to find they intended it for your eyes only.

Replying to Listserv Postings
For those who subscribe to Listservs®, or, electronic discussion groups, remember that if you think you're replying to one individual's posting, you may in fact, be replying to everyone subscribed to the list.

The **South Carolina State Library** announces several new staff. Patti Butcher (Agency Head), Amy Duernberger (DISCUS program director), Shae Tetterton (Collection Management Services director) and Duane Randall Wilson (mail clerk, Talk Book Services Department).

AHJ Regional Library is one of 500 libraries selected to receive the We the People "Freedom" Bookshelf in the second round of competition. The books and other materials will be delivered on or about September 10, 2005.

Herb Hartsook, **South Caroliniana Library**, has been named to the editorial board of Provenance, the journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists, a regional association of Southeastern archivists.

The latest web-exhibit from **Rare Books & Special Collections**, "Mexico, from the books of South Carolina College," is now available at http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/mexico/mexico.htm. Based on last year's mezzanine exhibit, this illustrates the history of Mexico from the early 16th century through to the early 20th century.

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The exhibit was curated by Patrick Scott of USC, and prepared for the web by Zella Hilton. The Department of Rare Books & Special Collections now has over 20 web-exhibits in history, literature, philosophy and the history of science, which now attract over 20 million hits a year from users worldwide.

The **Richland County Public Library** announces that Sara Shiver has been named a Periodicals librarian. A graduate of Agnes Scott College, Shiver earned her master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Carolina in 2004. Formally a part-time librarian at RCPL's Northeast Regional Branch, Shiver has also worked as a librarian at the Columbia Museum of Art.

Bright Parker, chairperson of the **Cherokee County Library Board** of Trustees and a life member of the Friends of the Library died June 9. She also served on the South Carolina State Library board from 1982-1984.

SCIENCE WORKSHOP TRANSLATES INTO SUCCESSFUL LIBRARY PROGRAM

By Jennifer P. Smith
Librarian II, Children's Services Department
Charleston County Public Library

Learning about space and science got a whole lot more fun for library patrons in Charleston! Space Camp, sponsored by the Charleston County Public Library, was inspired from a workshop hosted by the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, Texas. A large crowd was expected and library staff were pleasantly surprised to have almost 50 children from ages 8-14 attend.

The first segment of the day was *Rockets* and the parts of a rocket ship. The participants received materials needed to build their own pop-rocket.

The second segment, *Space,* talked about the distances between the planets. The children guessed how long a journey to the moon or to Pluto would take in various vehicles. Our next exercise required 10 children, each representing a part of the solar system. Starting with the sun, the first planet, Mercury, would unravel the string on a stick until the child was the correct distance from the Sun. After lunch the children split into small groups to construct the space station. Half of the group represented mission control and the other half represented astronauts in space. Each team of astronauts had identical pieces to construct a space station. Using only verbal clues, mission control instructed their astronauts how to build the space station.

In the final segment we made a comet and discussed impact craters and how different objects from space can form craters.

To demonstrate how astronauts are able to safely land back on Earth, each child received a raw egg to decorate. Then they used a variety of packing supplies to create "capsules" for their eggs. The fire department arrived with a ladder truck, which they used to carry the "eggstronauts" up past the roof of the building before dropping them down to earth.

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SUSTAINING, EXPANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BY **GUYNELL WILLIAMS**

In addition to funding and support provided by the state's General Assembly and by local county governments, South Carolina's public libraries receive federal support through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), a section of the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003 that promotes access to information resources provided by all types of libraries.

Funds are provided to and administered by state libraries using a population-based formula. These funds support statewide library and information services initiatives and are distributed through sub grants or cooperative agreements to libraries and collaborative partners within each state.

LSTA funds are provided on a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) and cover a two-year grant funding cycle. LSTA funds currently being administered by the South Carolina State Library include FFY 2004 funds that cover October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2005 and FFY 2005 program funds that cover October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2006.

FFY 2004 project activities, which come to a close on September 30, 2005, include a continuation and expansion of statewide initiatives, collaborative partnerships, and individual projects administered by the state's public library directors. A total of $972,152 in FFY 2004 funds have been granted to public libraries and collaborative partners.

FFY 2005 awards are still in process; to date, awards totaling $808,081 have been approved. FFY 2005 project activities will conclude on September 30, 2006.

FFY 2003 LSTA funded project activities for the two-year grant funding cycle that began October 1, 2002 and concluded on September 30, 2004. An overview of these projects and statewide initiatives follow, along with a summary of FFY 2003 expenditures:

Coupled with state and local dollars, FFY03 funds in public libraries allowed:
- Abbeville County Library to expand collections and migrate to a new automation system ($90,323)
- Chester County Library ($30,000) and Greenwood County Library ($27,000) to continue their outreach services to rural citizens through the purchase of new bookmobiles

- Georgetown County Library ($11,699) to establish young adult (teen) programming at its headquarters library
- Horry County Library ($12,700) to introduce library services and bilingual materials to young children considered at risk
- York County Library ($10,000) to expand outreach programs that focus on children's reading readiness
- Kershaw County Library ($67,285), Orangeburg County Library ($61,092), and Lancaster County Library ($24,682) to upgrade library automation systems
- McCormick County Library ($11,580) to complete shelving installation in its new library building
- Chester, Darlington, Dillon, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro and Sumter, with a grant of $49,821, to implement phase one of the Palmetto Polaris Consortium library automation multi-phase project, which will give seven libraries the ability to share resources through the use of a common integrated library system.

Other public libraries received grants ranging from $528 to $2,500 for various staff development (including trustee training) and continuing education opportunities. They were: ABBE (Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library), Greenville County Library System, and Berkeley, Georgetown, and Marlboro County Libraries.

FFY03 statewide library and information services initiatives grants ($1,713,916) supported digitization, children and youth services, preservation, resource sharing, marketing, services to special needs populations, continuing education for library staffs and trustees, and networking, automation and connectivity.

Special collaborative partnership projects involved:
- South Carolina Department of Archives and History ($4,460) - a phase II grant to address long-term storage of digital images that resulted from a phase I FFY02 project that digitized Confederate Pension Records
- Friends of South Carolina Libraries ($2,500) - a grant to supplement statewide efforts at development of Friends Groups across the state

- South Carolina Humanities Council ($49,500) – a grant to improve the visibility of and to support literary arts programming in South Carolina's public libraries
- Partnership Among South Carolina's Academic Libraries (PASCAL) ($20,000) to establish the conceptual and structural groundwork for the

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Summary of FFY 2003 LSTA Expenditures

Public Library Grants

Project Grants Funded	Total Requested	Total Expended
20	$382,214	$357,388

Special Library Grants

Project Grants Funded	Total Requested	Total Expended
2	$53,960	$53,960

Multi-Type Library Grants

Project Grants Funded	Total Requested	Total Expended
2	$72,500	$72,321

Statewide Library Development Initiative Grants

Project Grants Funded	Total Requested	Total Expended
12	$1,713,961	$1,713,916

ALL TOTAL	**$2,222,635**	**$2,197,585**

NOTE: FFY 2004 and FFY 2005 projects will be profiled in future issues of this newsletter.

GOVERNOR SIGNS UPDATE TO STATE DOCUMENTS LAW

On March 22, 2005 Governor Sanford signed into law Act 24, which updates the language of the original public law governing the State Documents Depository System. It now provides a means of preserving the many electronic documents appearing on agency websites.

The new legislation provides authority to the State Library to acquire, organize and preserve documents not only in print, but also in electronic formats. Eventually electronic publications will be accessible through Weblion, the State Library's online web-based catalog. A core collection of essential state documents will be preserved in an accessible electronic format and housed on a State Library server. Should a state agency remove a publication from its own website, or if an electronic format becomes unavailable, a copy of the document will still be available through the State Library.

Questions about the new legislation or about state documents may be directed to the State Library's Government Documents Librarian Elaine Sandberg at 803-734-8625 or via email at Elaine@leo.scsl.state.sc.us).

for your CALENDAR

August 10 / 10-noon
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) Executive Board Meeting Richland County Public Library, Columbia, SC www.scla.org

August 24 / 10-4
Strategic Planning for Public Libraries Southeast Branch, Richland County Library, 7421 Garners Ferry Rd. Columbia, SC

September 10
Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) Annual Awards Meeting Richland County Public Library, Columbia, SC www.foscl.org

September 15 / 10-4
Satellite Managers Exchange Room 309, SC State Library, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, SC

September 28 / 10-3:30
Reference Managers Exchange

Room 309, SC State Library, 1430 Senate St., Columbia, SC

September 28-30
SC EdTech 2005 Fall Conference Myrtle Beach. www.scaet.org/edtech

October 26-28
SCLA Annual Conference Marriot Columbia City Center, Columbia, SC www.scla.org

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